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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **You Don't Have to Travel to Win**

Reed Spitzer from Kensal didn't have to travel far from home to win \$10,000. Spitzer matched 4 of the 5 white balls and the Powerball playing Powerball. Spitzer said when he was an over-the-road driver he played Powerball in other states, but since North Dakota joined the Powerball game in 2004, he's been buying his Powerball tickets closer to home.

Spitzer usually buys a 9-draw Powerball ticket each month at Dan's Sooper Stop in Jamestown. On February 8th, his quick pick ticket won \$10,000. Spitzer didn't realize he had a large winning ticket until all of the draws were completed for his ticket and he went to get a new one. He asked the clerk to validate the old ticket while he was buying a replacement. When the lottery terminal said, "Congratulations, you're a winner", Spitzer thought he had won a couple of dollars, until the clerk told him it had to be more than \$599.

Spitzer had seen the winning ticket banner hung at the Sooper Stop but mistakenly assumed the \$10,000 prize had already been claimed, by someone else. He plans to use his winnings to pay off some debt and set some aside in savings. Had Spitzer also bought the Power Play option with his ticket, he would have won an additional \$40,000.

### **Coffee and a Lottery Ticket**

Glen Hellebust of Bismarck won \$50,000 in the Powerball game on Wednesday's draw. Glen matched 4 of 5 white balls and the Powerball. Glen buys his lottery tickets at I-94 BP Super Xpress when he gets his morning coffee. On Wednesday morning he noticed the \$300 million jackpot estimate and told the clerk he wanted a Powerball ticket. She asked him if he wanted just one, or more. He decided to buy 5 plays for the draw and then added the Power Play option.

Play number two was the big winner. The \$10,000 prize was multiplied by the Power Play option, turning a big win into an even better \$50,000 prize. As Glen said, "I don't know why anyone wouldn't buy the Power Play." Glen plans to use his prize to help pay for his daughter's college tuition, supplement a family trip to Orlando, FL in December, and some for the race car that he bought last fall. Glen also plans to share some of his winnings with the clerk who sold him the lucky ticket.

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